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SUBJECT: U. S. CLAIMANTS FILE SUIT AGAINST PEMEX

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ROSCOE GAITHER, ATTORNEY IN PAPANTLA ROYALTIES CASE, THAT SUIT WAS FILED ON APRIL 19 (CIVIL CASE 4165) IN WILMINGTON, NEWCASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE, AGAINST PETROLEOS MEXICANOS (PEMEX), STATE OIL AGENCY, SEEKING PAYMENT FOR CLAIMS DATING BACK TO 1938 OIL EXPROPRIATION. GAITHER HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN CASE SINCE 1938.

2. ACCORDING TO GAITHER, DELAWARE COURT HAS NOW ISSUED APPROPRIATE ORDERS THAT ALL PEMEX ASSETS HELD BY U. S. COMPANIES HAVING AGENTS IN DELAWARE BE FROZEN IMMEDIATELY, PENDING SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE. GAITHER ADDS THAT THIS INCLUDES ALMOST ALL IMPORTANT U. S. FIRMS, INCLUDING OIL COMPANIES WHICH PURCHASE SOME 10-20,000 BPD OF LOW- GRADE CRUDE FROM PEMEX. IT IS HIS HOPE THAT PAYMENTS TO PEMEX BY THESE COMPANIES CAN BE FROZEN, AND THAT PEMEX, WHICH UP TO NOW HAS REFUSED TO TAKE CLAIM SERIOUSLY, WILL BEGIN TO NEGOTIATE IN EARNEST. HE CONCLUDED CONVERSATION WITH EMB OFF BY NOTING THAT PEMEX HAD BEEN INFORMED OF INFORMATION OUTLINED ABOVE, BUT HAD NOT AS YET REACTED.

3. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY HERE, AND WOULD APPRCIATE HAVING ANY INFORMATION WHICH
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